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- (1) Copy of an Office Action dated February 18, 2003 issued by the Japanese Patent Office in connection with a counterpart Japanese application;
- (2) English translation of said Office Action;
- (3) Copies of the two cited publications together with commercially available English Abstracts thereof; and
- (4) Form PTO/SB/08A.

An English translation of the Japanese Office Action dated February 18, 2003 is submitted herewith, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for any non-English language publications cited therein (MPEP 609 III A(3)).

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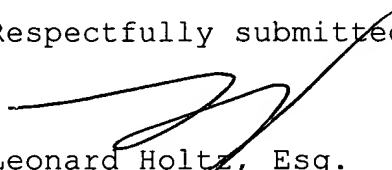
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